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DISPROPORTIONATE GROWTH OF URBAN POPULATION
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Confederation of Indian Industry has conducted any survery regarding disproportionate growth of urban population;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the increase in urban population has out stripped the growth in the Urban agglomerates; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to create opportunites of employment in the small and medium towns?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a)&(b): The Confederation of Indian Industry has publisheda report `Urban Infrastructure in India` June 2001.The report basically outlines details and statistics on the urban scenario in India, its plan outlay on housing and urban development and other Government schemes relating to urban infrastructure, water, housing, solid waste management, sanitation, slum development, urban employment and urban transport etc.

(c): According to the report, the increase in population has outstripped the growth in the number of urban agglomerates.

(d): A Centrally Sponsored Scheme of IntegratedDevelopment of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT) in operation since 1979-80 is one of the urban development schemes aiming at creation of employment opportunities and dispersed urbanisation in the small and medium towns, besides other objectives.

The Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojana (SJSRY)is another Centrally sponsoed urban poverty alleviation scheme in operations since December 1997 to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed or underemployed poor through encouraging the setting up of self employment ventures by those who have read upto 9th standared and provision of wage employment for construction of socially and economically useful public assets.